



THE STATE OF TEXAS

GOVERNOR



*To all to whom these presents shall come,
Greetings: Know ye that this official recognition is
presented to all observing*

Second Chance Month

April 2022

The United States is a country that believes anyone, regardless of their background or the challenges they have faced, should have the opportunity to pursue their own American Dream. Still, there are some in our communities that are forgotten or overlooked. Even after paying their debt to society, many individuals with a criminal record often struggle to access employment, housing, and education, leaving them more likely to recidivate and return to a life of crime. This hurts public safety, increases taxpayer burden, and wastes the potential of people in every part of our communities.

Every year, the month of April is set aside to recognize the importance of redemption while simultaneously addressing the collateral consequences associated with criminal records. Second Chance Month strives to increase awareness for those who have paid their debt to society as well as provide opportunities for individuals, employers, congregations, and communities to extend second chances. Texas leads the nation in criminal justice reform, and in the true spirit of Texans helping Texans, we will continue to advance the cause of liberty for those who seek a better life.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing you the best.



*In testimony whereof, I have signed my name
and caused the Seal of the State of Texas to be
affixed at the City of Austin, this the 31st day of
March, 2022.*

Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas